



# Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association Member News

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The purpose of this column is to pass along information and milestones within the membership. Birthdays, anniversaries, events or get-well wishes are all in order. We also let members know of the passing of other members.

## GET WELL

Computer guru, member **BOB LEBLANC** underwent knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus last month. He said he is doing great and wishes he didn't wait so long to have it done.



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Member **JAY HATFIELD** of Wyoming, RI underwent rotator cuff surgery on Friday, February 27 at Mariam Hospital. He said it will be along recovery but it will be worth it.



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Member **ELTON RICKER** had knee surgery on March 9. He said he was doing great and we were surprised to see him at the Fishing Show just a few days later!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**GARY PERSCHAU** proudly announced the birth of his grandson, **JACKSON LOUIS POMFRET** who was born on March 9. "He certainly looks like a fisherman to me," said Gary. Needless to say, Jackson is already signed up as a RISAA Junior Member!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

"My new granddaughter wants to join RISAA," said member **BRIAN BELTRAMI** as he sent the photo of **Vivienne Beltrami**, who was born on February 24. Vivienne's parents are Brian's son Matthew Beltrami and his wife Trenna. And yes, she is now a Junior Member.



## It is with deep sadness that we report the loss of two members....

### Leon A. Bowdoin

Leon "Al" Bowdoin, 67, of Somerset, MA passed away on March 23, 2017.

Leon was an avid "Old-Timers" hockey enthusiast, playing in different leagues throughout his adult life until the discovery of his cancer. He enjoyed the great outdoors and was an avid Maine Woods hunter and ice fisherman. He also enjoyed plying the waters of Narragansett Bay for blues and stripers.

Leon is survived by his loving wife, Jean, of 43 years; daughter Jennifer Bowdoin and her life partner Gerard Corriveau of Assonet, MA; son Michael, his wife Sara and two grandsons Conor and Rory of Weston, MA as well as 5 siblings; Linda Cogliano, Jon Bowdoin, Ruth Balboni, and David Longden of MA and Thomas Longden of Florida.



### Patrick E. Muli

Patrick E. Muli, 74, of Westerly, RI, passed away on February 24, 2017. He was the co-founder of Jackpot Enterprises, the parent company of Jackpot Digger Jigs, a commercial and recreational fisherman.

Pat was a member of Central CT Striper Club, RI Commercial Rod Reel Association and the R.I. Saltwater Anglers Association. He loved teaching children to fish, and seeing their beaming smiles when they landed their first fish.

He leaves behind his wife and fishing partner of 52 years, Cathy Muli, and their daughters Sherry Russenberger and husband Karl of East Hampton CT; Suzanne Thompson and husband William of Northford CT and son Patrick Muli and wife Skye of Meriden, CT, plus grandchildren and great grandchildren.



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to RISAA Board Member **RICHARD HITTINGER** who lost his mom, **Elizabeth M. Hittinger** of Elizabethtown, PA, on March 21.

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We extend our sympathies to RISAA Board Member **DAVID MONTI** who lost his mom, **Mary Louise Monti** of Warwick, RI, on March 19.